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As an elected official within the National Capital region, you know first-hand that the region is one of the most congested in the nation with some of the highest commuting times. To address this issue, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has introduced an innovative "Traffic Relief Plan" to reduce congestion on Maryland roads, including two of the state's most heavily traveled highways, I-270 and I-495. The Traffic Relief Plan considers improvements along the entire length of I-495, as well as the entire length of I-270 up to I-70 in Frederick County. In balancing the need for congestion improvements within a highly developed area, one of the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration's (MDOT SHA) goals is to be considerate of the environment and community.

As part of this undertaking, MDOT SHA is initiating an environmental study to identify innovative transportation solutions to reduce the effects of congestion for millions of drivers in your area. This transformative effort will improve the daily lives of citizens and other users by reducing congestion and providing a more reliable drive. The study, which is the first element of the broader Traffic Relief Plan, extends along I-495 from south of the American Legion Bridge in Virginia to east of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and along I-270 from I-495 to I-370 including the I-270 east and west spurs, is in the very early stages.

MDOT SHA is sending residents and businesses throughout the corridor notification of our intent to commence the environmental study and to ask for participation in a series of public workshops in April. The purpose of these workshops is to gather valuable input that will aid in development of the study effort. The best way for all interested stakeholders to get involved with and keep informed of the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study is to visit MDOT SHA's I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study webpage, [www.495-270-P3.com](http://www.495-270-P3.com). The website will allow interested persons to participate in a customer survey to provide input and feedback. This is just the beginning of efforts to involve the public in this transformative effort. While feedback will always be welcomed and encouraged, future meetings will be scheduled and communicated as the study develops.

We are committed to delivering an innovative solution to address the daily congestion issue along I-495 and I-270 while minimizing impacts to the community and to the environment. I look forward to and encourage your participation in this study.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lisa B. Choplin, MDOT SHA P3 Project Director, at 410-545-0438 or via email at [495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us](mailto:495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us). Ms. Choplin will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Slater  
Administrator